

**J. Douglas Beason**  
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Dr. J. Douglas Beason was named Associate Director for Threat Reduction effective January 24, 2005. He is responsible for 1,200 professionals conducting intelligence, space science and technology, remote sensing, directed energy, nuclear nonproliferation, nuclear emergency response, infrastructure protection, biothreat analysis and bioscience programs with a budget of more than \$500 million. He has more than 27 years of experience that spans conducting basic research to directing national security programs and formulating national policy.

Beason joined Los Alamos National Laboratory in 2001 after a distinguished career in the US Air Force. He previously served on the White House staff working for the President's Science Advisor under both the Bush and Clinton Administrations. He has been a primary physics designer at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory; he also directed a plasma physics laboratory; taught as an Associate Professor of Physics and Director of Faculty Research; was Deputy Director for Directed Energy at the United States Air Force Research Laboratory; and is a member of numerous national review boards and committees, including the USAF Science Advisory Board and a Vice-Presidential commission on space exploration. He retired as a Colonel from the U.S. Air Force after 24 years' service, with his last assignment as Commander of the Phillips Research Site, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Beason is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy with a dual bachelor of science degree in physics and mathematics. He holds a PhD and master's degree in physics from the University of New Mexico and an master's in science in national resource strategy from the National Defense University.

The author of 13 books – one of which sold to Universal Pictures— and over 100 other publications, Beason is a Fellow of the American Physical Society, a distinguished graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, recipient of the National Defense University's President's Strategic Vision Award and a Nebula Award finalist.





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